

CLAIMS

1. A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development, wherein said system is connected to a distributed computer network, wherein said system includes at least one first memory device connected to said distributed computer network and operable to store all course sections of different courses and an ideal time for each course section, at least one second memory device connected to said distributed computer network and operable to store all studied material affiliated with said course section, at least one third memory device connected to said distributed computer network and operable to store individual-adapted course plans, at least one control device connected to said distributed computer network and operable in calculating and indicating a planned completion date for each individual course plan with the aid of said ideal time for different course sections and the time spent by said individual on different course sections, and at least one fourth memory device connected to said distributed computer network and operable to store the course plans and course sections that have been completed with respect to each individual.

2. A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 1, **characterised** in that each individual obtains access to said control system by means of a computer device connectable to said distributed computer network, and in that the control system also includes at least one recording device operable in recording the time spent for each course section by each individual.

3. A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with any one of Claims 1-2, **characterised** in that the distributed computer network is the Internet or a Wide Area Network (WAN).

4. A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with any one of Claims 1-3, **characterised** in that said at least one first memory device, said at least one third memory device and said at least one fourth memory device are comprised of at least one first server device; and in that said at least one second memory device is comprised of a second server device.

5. A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with any one of Claims 2-4, **characterised** in that each computer device includes a reproduction device or display, where different cursors on the display indicate different statuses of a course section in respect of a given individual.

6. A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 5, **characterised** in that a first cursor denotes that a course section has been completed, a second cursor denotes that a course section is ongoing, and a third cursor denotes that a course section has been commenced but not yet completed.

7. A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 5 or Claim 6, **characterised** in that a fourth cursor functions to start and stop the recording of the time spent on a respective course section by the recording device.

8. A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with any one of Claims 5-7, **characterised** in that a fifth cursor enables an individual to communicate with a teacher in writing.

9. A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with any one of Claims 1-8, **characterised** in that access to the control system is obtained through the medium of a password and/or security codes.

10. A method of achieving quality ensured competence development with the aid of a control system for achieving quality ensured competence development, wherein the method includes the steps of

- choosing from a first memory device included in the control system and operable in storing all course sections for different courses and an ideal time for each course section, course sections that form an individual-adapted course plan, and storing said plan in a third memory device included in the control system;

- downloading study material affiliated with said chosen course sections from a second memory device included in the control system and operable in storing all study material;
- calculating and indicating a planned completion date for said course plan by means of a control device included in the control system and with the aid of said ideal time for different course sections and also with the aid of the time spent by said individual on different course sections; and
- when one or more course sections or the course plan has/have or has been completed, storing said course section/sections and/or course plan in a fourth memory device included in the control system.

11. A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 10, **characterised** in that each individual obtains access to said control system by means of a computer device which can be connected via a distributed computer network and which includes a reproduction device or display device, wherein said method also includes the steps in which

- a first cursor is shown on the display device to indicate that a course section has been completed;
- a second cursor is shown on the display device to indicate that a course section is ongoing; and
- a third cursor is shown to indicate that a course section is ongoing but not yet completed.

12. A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 11, **characterised** in that the control system includes at least one recording device operable in recording the time spent by each individual on different course sections, wherein the method further comprises the step of using a fourth cursor for starting and stopping recording of the time spent on a course section by the recording device.

13. A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 11 or Claim 12, **characterised** in that the method also comprises the step of using a fifth cursor displayed on the display device to enable an individual to communicate with a teacher in writing.

14. A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with any one of Claims 11-13, **characterised** in that the distributed computer network is the Internet or a Wide Area Network (WAN).

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15. A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with any one of Claims 10-14, **characterised** in that the method also includes the step in which when study material has been revised in the second memory device, the revised study material is distributed to those individuals who
10 have chosen the course section affiliated with said study material.

16. A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with any one of Claims 10-15, **characterised** in that access to the control system is obtained by entering a password and/or security codes.

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17. At least one computer program product ($102_1, \dots, 102_n$) that can be downloaded directly into the internal memory of at least one digital computer ($100_1, \dots, 100_n$) includes software parts for carrying out the steps according to Claim 10 when said at least one product ($102_1, \dots, 102_n$) is run on said at least one computer
20 ($100_1, \dots, 100_n$).
